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Community Board Meeting

TIME: 6:00PM - 9:00PM

DATE: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Touro College

231 West 124th Street

Lecture Hall, 2

(Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm)

Honorable 1st Vice Chair John Lynch, Presiding. Cicely Harris, Chair; on
leave.

Minutes

1st Vice Chair John Lynch opened the meeting.

I. Elected Officials (3-4 minutes per speaker)

Michelle Booker; Congressman Espaillat:

Good turnout for the Tuskegee Airmen Post Office meeting. A copy of the public law for the renaming of 99 MaCombs place was distributed. Friday at 4pm Congressman Espaillat is hosting an event open to the public. This is between CUNY and SUNY; administration of higher education of the Dominican Republic. This is to ensure opportunities for Dominican students enrolled at the University.

Today (12/05) Congressman Espaillat joined Governor Cuomo and other elected officials at a labor rally protesting Charter and Spectrum. 1800+ workers and technicians in union and labor talks for over a year and last Friday Spectrum walked away from the table. The fight is to make sure the union workers have a healthy negotiating contract with their employers.

12/01 Congressman Espaillat recognized World AIDS Day. There are over 1 million people in the US living with AIDS. This is a health crisis abroad and here in the US which is being addressed along with the funding for this crisis.

Congressman Espaillat is working Kristen, Shumer, Vazquez and Nadler to announce new legislation to honor a woman who worked in the revolutionary war.

Congressman Espaillat was elected to be the new Whip for the Hispanic Caucus.

1st Vice Chair John Lynch made an announcement stating complaints by board members focused on making sure the public speakers stick to the schedule.

Nina Saxon; NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer.

Housing Plan – available online

Summer Internship program – looking for Harlem College students.

Cordell Cleare; District Leader (today is her birthday)

Thanked CB10 and Charles Powell who agreed to work with her on buildings unfairly removed from the TIL program. In the last 8 years 155,000 units of rent stabilized housing lost. HPD is removing some of the buildings in the TIL program.

TIL means Tenant Interim Lease Program (rent with option to own).

Vacancy due to the advancement of Public Advocate Tish James and there are a few candidates running to replace her.

The statute removed of the dr who experimented on enslaved black women; on 12/11 Touro College will host a session on what should replace the statute .

Remy Solace; Mayor DeBlasio – 12/17 – 21/18 City Hall in Manhattan resource fair with the help of Milbank. On 12/18; 12-3 the Mayor will stop by. Cosponsored by the MBPO.

At this point 1st Vice Chair asked there were other political officials or representatives in the audience...

Adrienne Felton; Public Advocate Tish James. Releasing the worst landlord's list to be released 1-2 weeks from this date. There will be a press conference.

212-669-7683 or 646-942-1663.

Linda Janeh; NY District Attorney, Cy Vance.

Coordinator assigned to cb10; Renee Woodbury could not attend.

The DA's office will no longer criminally prosecute for not paying \$2 fare/transit fare. 212-864-7884

Cb10 board member stated the 127th/st. Nicholas ave train station booth is always broken.

Shauna, director of community affairs for Senator Brian Benjamin.

Candle lighting celebrated at Adam Clayton Powell blvd 110th birthday

Gave away 1000 turkeys.

December 7th Senator Benjamin and his wife Kathleen are hosting a “Baby Benjamin is almost here” celebration. In lieu of presents, bring an unwrapped toy which will be donated to a center.

12/20 join Senator Benjamin, Assembly member I. Dickens at a holiday party on the 9th floor; 4-7pm

Town hall flyers – postponed until January

Atheena Moore; Manhattan Boro President Gail Brewer.

Was away last month on behalf of the MBPO.

Congratulated newly elected/re-elected officers in last month’s election.

Email was sent related to the Charter and term limits on community board members. This law takes place next April. For community board members whose appointments expire in 2019; it is hoped everyone will apply for reappointment. If you are not sure when your appointment expires, please contact the Manhattan Boro President’s office. Can apply online and paper applications are downloadable as well.

Diaper drive with the food bank and Girl Scouts Greater New York. Sizes 3-6, 4 & 5 are the most needed for working families. Drop off at 125th street or Center Street. If use Amazon can order directly from the food banks and have it sent directly to the warehouse. The money will go to tech improvement, broadband infrastructure.

NYC Capital funds can not be used for non network computers like tablets; the MBPO wants to make sure the WiFi capacity will work so the students can use the devices.

The Mayor’s Office released the scope for the borough based jail for the Rikers relocation which will be 125 White street aka The Tombs.

Rikers Task force meeting next week at the MBPO to continue working with stakeholders, elected officials and residents to ensure a successful closure of Rikers Island.

Northern Manhattan Hospital is hosting an ongoing series for New York City housing and federal finance; 12/11 2-5pm to be conducted simultaneously with the Department of Aging’s Blood pressure screening.

On January 5th the number 1 train will bypass the 168th street station for one year. The MTA will provide enhanced M5 bus services, the MBPO continues to advocate for free shuttle service between 157th and 158th but

as of now the MBPO continues to express disappointment the MTA has not made its services fully accessible who need a free trip.

The MBPO is working with WRATH to host healthy relationship workshops, the 2nd Wednesday of each month through June; 6pm. The first workshop is at the Northern Manhattan Office; 12/12. A global initiative on activism to prevent gender based violence.

Also hosting discussions for local input, stabilize and revitalize green space and surrounding areas.

The MBPO is cosponsoring the tree lighting on December 7th.

The MBPO is responding to no heat, hot water complaints and gas outtages. Ongoing efforts to work with the residents for restoration of services.

Working with New York City Parks on the PS 125 community visioning.

Hosting an upcoming community workshop to discuss major improvements to the schoolyard baseball field.

Thanked everyone who attended the Harlem Lights festival and the 600 who attended the toy drive.

December 29th ; 12-5pm at the museum of Natural History there will be a celebration of the African American heritage; rooted in several principals. Promoting unity, cultural development through story telling music and dance.

Joshua Clinin; 12/06 public hearing at City Hall for the New York Health Act. Currently accepting public and written testimony. Groundbreaking legislation guaranteeing healthcare as a right for all New York residents.

II. Public Announcements (2 minutes per Speaker)

Children's Aid Society. Moving to Harlem; above Bed Bath and Beyond; at the end of 2019. Does not work on re-entry issues.

Harlem Chocolate Factory. 2363 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd; between west 138th and 139th sts. 5% of chocolatiers are people of color.

Harlemchocolatefactory.com

Ivy Walker – A. Phillip Randolph Square. Tree lighting ceremony; 12/07/18 @6pm. Will raffle off turkeys.

Marie LittleJohn – Friends of Adam Clayton Powell. “thanked everyone for coming out, shout out to Street Corner Resources and acknowledged Mother Nixon who is 98 years old.”

Aiesha Seiko – Street Resources. “thanked CB10 for being gracious and supportive of Street Corner Resources. Honor Cordell Clare; her birthday. The program at the Polo Grounds – held an open forum. Aziza; engagement coordinator at the Polo Grounds. – 151 west 145th street. Still recruiting for the program; residents from the area. 894 days since the last homicide and 24 days since last shooting.

Howard Hessen – fitness and nutrition at fun fitness. 1 in 3 students is obese/overweight. 1 in 5 at the kindergarten level. 28% of schools don’t have gyms (1,700 total).

Nichole Yearwood – Nicole.N.Yearwood@2020census.org. 929-354-6431. The census will be online for the first time. Census is hiring. 2020census.gov/jobs for field positions. [Usajobs.gov](https://usajobs.gov) for managerial positions. Some positions will start in 2019.

Adam Cruz – Manhattan Education Opportunity Center. Open House 12/06/18; 10am and 6pm. For adults 18+. Located at the State Office building; 15th floor

Julius Tajiddin – was away to reenergize. “thanked Deneane for checking in on him.”

Earthly Jewels – “thanked the community board “. 646-667-2194

Morgan Fowler – Project Manager; community organization in Harlem. morgan@harlempark.com. 12/08; 246 Lennox Ave; annual shop and live Harlem Happenings.

Dr. Kay Samuels – 4 points:

1. Develop new leadership in Harlem 2019 for the young people.
2. Colonial Post Office – community did not have a choice in the renaming process.
3. Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center – is a great educational center for the community and provides services for many.
4. Need an economic plan.

Manny Rivera – cochair for the NYC Black/Latina LGBT Coalition. “Historic meeting took place in Harlem. Dr. Dukes was one of the first

major civil rights leaders to acknowledge HIV as an issue in the black community”.

Special Election for Public Advocate February 2019. The Public Advocate position will become vacant January 1st. A forum cohosted by the Black/Latina LGBT coalition will be held Monday December 17th; 6-8pm at the 5th avenue social daycare center (325 5th Ave; 111th/112th sts).

Christina Curry – Secretary. Mentioned the 5th Ave Social Daycare Center is fully accessible for disabled and seniors.

“thanked everyone for their support regarding my son and apologized for tearing up in front of everyone”

III. Public Session

- A. 1st. Roll Call conducted by Secretary Christina Curry.
- B. Minutes adoption: (November 2018) was not submitted. Will revote in the January meeting.
- C. Agenda Adoption (December 2018) – Secretary, Christina Curry. Adopted by common consent.
- D. Chairperson’s Report – delivered by 1st Vice Chair John Lynch for Chair C. Harris:
 - “Cicely sends her regards and is doing well. The 125th street light affair; CB10 presence was beyond that from the past. Thank you to the Arts and Culture Committee.
 - Thank you to the 125th street BID for this successful event.
 - Conference call meeting with the DOT (will be discussed during the DM’s report).
 - Wanted to congratulate the officers elected last month as well as those who ran/participated.
 - Had 98% quorum last month.
 - Thanked the outgoing officers; Christina Curry, Jennifer Prince and Michael Downie; thank you for your 7 years of good work.
 - January 2nd the meeting will be back at the Harlem State office building.
 - Thanked Touro College for accommodating the board, next month we will be back at the HSOB, 2nd floor, same time same place.”
 - Congratulations to Shatic Mitchell this is his first week as the DM with the vote to hire him last month.
- E. District Manager’s Report - Shatic Mitchell
 - Board member packets are late this month due to postponed or cancelled committee meetings; minutes were not received.
 - The 2020 district needs statement was submitted 2nd week of November, CB10 was given an extension; hopefully we will be able to submit on time next year.
 - November 19th; with the Harlem 125th Street BID celebrated the Harlem Lights on 125th Street.

Thanks to George Harrell who is the new Chair for Arts and Culture subcommittee of entertainment and programming for his assistance in making sure the event was a success with one week notice. FYI; he is a road manager, tour manager for a lot of R&B stars; he is a tremendous asset. We were able to pull this off after the surprise snowstorm.

Thanks to Michael Downie for a portion of the budget to purchase subway sandwiches to feed the community.

On November 27th with board member dr. Hazel dukes met with the Commissioner of media and entertainment from the Mayor's office.

November 30th with transportation committee Chair Raquel Vasquez met with the newly appointed Commissioner from the department of transportation to discuss the city bike expansion program, the effect on parking and how to save parking spaces by putting the bike racks on the sidewalks. Many churches oppose the bike lanes, many people double park on Sunday without getting tickets but with a bike lane this could change.

For those opposed to bike lanes; statistics were provided:

KSI=Killed Severely Injured resulting in crashes with motor vehicles was analyzed from 1996 to 2016. Data shows the more cyclists on the road, the safer it is with a drop in fatalities, with the conclusion it is better to have bike lanes for the community.

Acknowledged board member Leever Holmes and his assistance on the garbage pile up outside of a playground.

- F. Committee Reports/Announcements (1-2 minutes per Speaker):
- Transportation committee; R. Vazquez, will have a meeting on bike lanes. CB 10 board member K. Horry stated all stakeholders should be at "the table" regarding city bikes.
 - Ihope Academy on 116th and Lenox; the students were not able to safely exit the school bus. CB10 board member R. Vazquez thanked C. Curry for advocacy efforts along with the committee and the Chair for supporting the effort in assisting the school.
 - City Bike expansion; everyone should attend the transportation committee meetings.
 - Board members were cautioned on avoiding the appearance of supporting a program without the input of every board member and the chance to vote on an issue. The board has not taken a position on the bike lane expansion.
 - Housing Committee; C. Powell, acknowledged the residents of 123 West 112th were in the TIL Program and were removed as a result of HPD. Jason Wu; Legal Aid Society filed an article 78 petition on the issue. "we support the residents because these are long term residents; 30-40 years going from potential co-op owners to people from the outside taking over due to regulations by HPD."

Assembly member A. Taylor, City council B. Perkins office, Senator B. Benjamin are going to meet with Anne Marie Hendrickson.
CB10 is opposed to HPD; re: TIL program.

G. Presentation of voting items:
(brief updates)

Transportation/Historic Preservation & Landmarks Committee: LPC application:
53 West 119th street

132nd in the TIL program. 53 Units, 7 building scatter site.

Tenants are supposed to be homeowners but will be temporarily displaced; “its actually a massive project.”

This was brought to the GBM because the EC and the presenting committee did not have quorum.

The architect will present on the brownstone; 5th avenue/Malcolm X blvd on 119th facing south. This is the Mount Morris Park historic district.

Two letters of support received for the project.

1. W119th street Block association
2. Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association – with concern about the scope of work for the proposed project. Materials used for the project not used by the Historic District.

Board Member dr. Dukes suggested this should go back to the Landmarks committee.

Motion made to return this to Landmarks

Question asked “how will this impact the LPC hearing? Will they wait for it because we are not voting tonight?”

Motion on the floor to send back to Landmarks.

Response to the question – They will postpone the meeting for a letter from CB10.

Motion withdrawn; we will vote.

Personnel Committee Election:

Under the by-laws consists of officers of the board (elected last month) and four additional members to be voted on today. That committee will then elect a chairperson for said committee.

Call for nominations made:

M. Thompson - accepted

J. Clemmons - accepted

D. Brown-Blackmon - accepted

D. Mejia – accepted

J. Richardon – declined

2nd call for nominations.

3rd call for nominations:

S. Mann – accepted

Nominations closed (cb10 maintained quorum for the vote)

IV. Business Session

A. 2nd Roll Call conducted by Secretary Christina Curry.

B. Voting Items:

Transportation/Historic Preservation and Landmarks Committee: LPC

Application: 53 West 119th Street.

(cb10 maintained quorum for the vote)

Resolution did not pass: (needs majority vote plus one)

14 yes 14 no 2 abstain

Personnel Committee Elections

Nominations: (there was discussion on the actual number of people to voted on by the board 4 vs. 5 but the by-laws state 4)

Each candidate must receive 50% of the vote, or there will be a run off.

M. Thompson	22
D. Mejia	24
J. Clemmons	25
D. Brown-Blackmon	24
S. Mann	16

C. Old business: none

D. New business: none

E. Announcements

First community service award will be in January 2019, submit application for review of possible candidates to be considered.

If committees do not have quorum during their meetings, it should not be brought before the board for discussion. Committee Chairs must show up for the Executive Committee meetings.

No housing committee meeting on Christmas eve.

V. **Adjournment:** 8:54pm.